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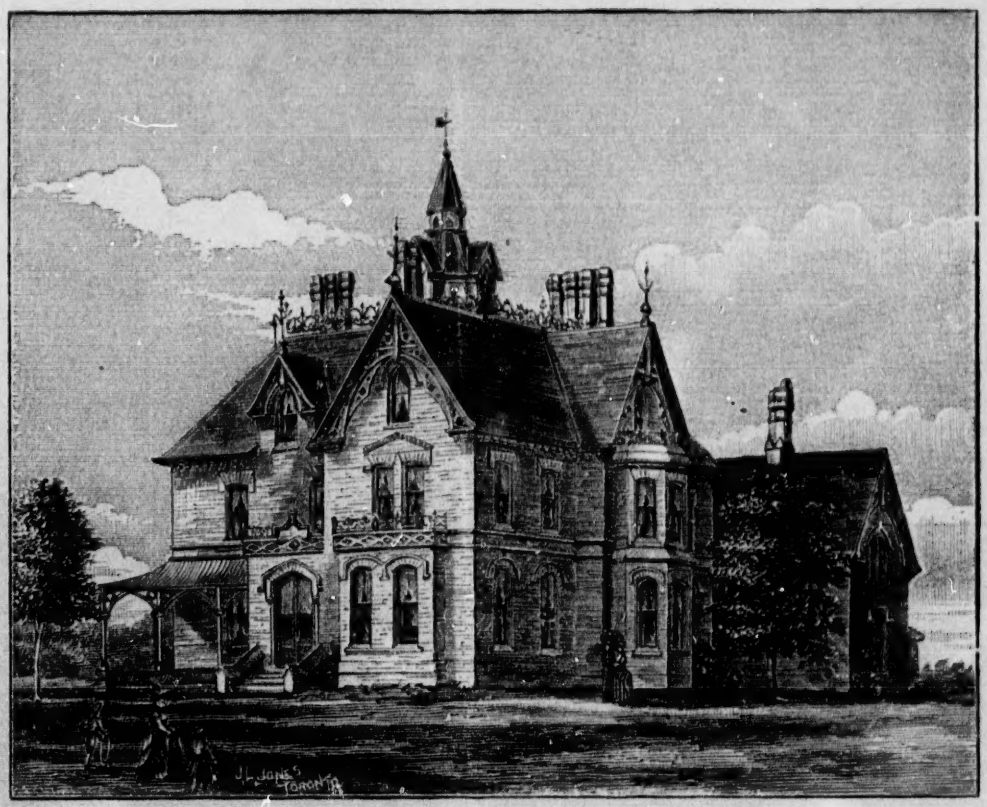

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BISHOP BETHUNE COLLEGE,

(LIMITED.)

ELLESMERE HALL, OSHAWA,

ONTARIO.

INCORPORATED 1889.

PATRONS AND VISITORS:

THE RIGHT REVERENDS—

THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ONTARIO.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ALGOMA.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

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" F. E. DINGLE, Oshawa.

F. M. HOLLAND, BURSAR, Oshawa.

MISS JEFFREYS, LADY PRINCIPAL.

PROSPECTUS.

Prior to the inception of the Bishop Bethune College, there did not exist between Toronto and Montreal a school or seminary under ecclesiastical patronage, for the education of the daughters of the Church of England.

To meet a requirement the necessity for which was widely felt, a Ladies' College has been established under favorable circumstances at Oshawa, a thriving and pleasantly situated town thirty-three miles east of Toronto on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Ellesmere Hall, the residence of the late Hon. T. N. Gibbs, has been secured for the purpose indicated, together with five acres of land appropriated to lawn, orchard, and kitchen garden.

The house, handsomely designed, spacious and commodious, is heated by the Pease furnace system. The apparatus connected therewith, combining the advantages attached to the use of steam and hot air, uniformity of temperature is obtained, and ample ventilation provided throughout the building. The grounds are handsomely laid out and ornamented with a variety of stately trees.

The objects of the College appeal to the loyalty and devotion of church people, and to the interest of the community at large. The intention of the promoters is (1.) To afford sound instruction in the English, French, German, and Latin, Languages, Elementary Science, Mathematics, Music, and Painting; also to prepare pupils for the Departmental and Matriculation Examinations of the Universities in Arts and Music. (2). To lay a firm foundation of religious knowledge, and especially to exercise salutary influences in the formation of Christian character. (3.) To bring the advantages of the Institution within the reach of a large class who find existing establishments beyond their means.

The Council has been singularly fortunate in securing the services of Miss Jeffreys as Lady Principal. Miss Jeffreys holds a diploma with first class honors from the University of Cambridge, also from educational institutions in Paris and Munich, and has enjoyed extensive experience in tuition, both in England and on the continent of Europe.

The Musical department is subject to the direction of Mr. Arthur Fisher, Mus. Bac., of Toronto, whose name supplies a sufficient guarantee for superior training in this important branch of education.

The Lady Principal is assisted by an efficient staff of instructors, in every branch of study; and in respect to the supervision and moral culture of the pupils, as also attention to their health and comfort, the arrangements will be found completely satisfactory.

The religious instruction has been committed to the clergyman of the parish.

Simplicity and economy in dress, and moderation in expenditure are enforced.

It is the object of the Lady Principal to surround the students with home attractions, and thus render college life as agreeable as possible.

In the effort to establish and maintain the Bishop Bethune College, the Council has met with encouraging success, and respectfully solicits the consideration and support of churchmen generally to the undertaking. As there is no desire to realize a merely pecuniary return from the capital invested, the fees have been fixed on as moderate a scale as compatible with thorough efficiency in tuition, and an adequate expenditure for the equipment and supplies of the College.

TERMS.

The scholastic year is divided into four Terms, viz: Michaelmas, Christmas, Lent and Trinity. Pupils will be received at any time and fees reckoned from the date of entrance.

Pupils should invariably present themselves on the first day of the Term. Boarders should arrive on the previous day.

Pupils cannot continue in residence during the summer vacation, and any pupils remaining at Christmas will be required to pay the sum of four dollars per week for board. The only persons allowed to visit pupils are parents or guardians, lady friends in Oshawa introduced by them, or persons from a distance who shall bring a written request from parents or guardians to be permitted to visit their children or wards.

Reception day: Wednesday, from 3 to 5 p. m.

STUDIES.

(Some of which are optional)

Holy Scripture, Liturgy and Catechism; Reading and Elocution; Writing, Orthography, Needlework, Grammar, Arithmetic, Composition; Ancient, Mediæval, Modern and Church History; Geography, English Literature, Latin, French, German, Italian, Drawing, Algebra, Euclid, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Elementary Science, Class-singing, Calisthenics.

EXTRAS.—Music; Art Needlework; Harmony; Painting.

FEES.

THE TUITION FEES PER TERM are as follows:—Junior Class, $10; Intermediate Classes, Lower and Upper $12; University Class, $15

From the above a discount of 10 per cent. in the case of sisters; and for the daughters of clergymen a deduction of 25 per cent. is allowed.

By a resolution of the Council each Bishop in the Dominion has the privilege of nominating the daughter of one of his missionaries to a bursary which will give her all the privileges and advantages of the College for the sum of $100 per annum, exclusive of the entrance fee of $10.

The Fees for a Term will be $50, including board, and Tuition in the studies mentioned above, not including the Extras. Five per cent. will be allowed if the fees for the entire year are paid in advance.

An entrance Fee of $10 is charged to boarders to defray the expense of beds, bed linen, silver, etc.

Fees For Music, $6; if by a Master, $20; Violin, $18; Singing, $18.

Special instruction is given to a class in Harmony, this subject being allowed as a substitute for Mathematics in the Trinity College Class for women. Fee $6.

The general Vocal Class is open to all without charge.

Boarders are entitled to an hour's practice daily. For each additional hour there is a charge of $2 per Term for the use of the piano.

Painting, $6 to $12.

Elocution is thoroughly taught by a highly qualified Teacher (Medallist.)

A full commercial course including Book-keeping, Type writing, and Shorthand is given by efficient Teachers.

Calisthenics, etc., taught by Miss Stovin.

Special Attention is paid to conversation in French and German.

Such of the pupils as have completed their course of study at the College, but desire to remain to perfect themselves in any special branches or to qualify as teachers may do so on the same terms as members of the senior classes, subject in every respect to the discipline of the school.

The promoters of the College are highly gratified by the marked success which has attended their efforts during its initiatory year, and in view of the patronage already bestowed upon the institution the Council feel warranted in anticipating a largely increased attendance.

(From Toronto Daily Mail, October 4th, 1889.)

ELLESMERE HALL.

OPENING OF THE BISHOP BETHUNE LADIES' COLLEGE.

ANOTHER INSTITUTION SUCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

OSHAWA, OCT. 3.—Tuesday, 1st of October, was a day of much interest to Oshawa, especially to the Church of England here and throughout the diocese, for the opening in solemn form of the Bishop Bethune Ladies' College gave promise and inspired hopes of wide and important work and influences through a long future. The inception of the college is due to the forethought of the zealous incumbent of St. George's Church through whose efforts means have been obtained for the purchase of the property of the late Hon. T. N. Gibbs. The house is a really splendid one, with few equals in the province. It is at once substantial and elegant. The rooms are lofty and spacious. The building is capable of accommodating a large number, and with the slight changes adapting it to its new uses, the premises are as commodious as if originally designed for school purposes. The grounds cover five acres, are handsomely laid out, and present a most attractive appearance. But what seemed to strike admiring visitors most was the truly glorious panorama visible from the upper stories. It may be confidently said that it would be difficult to rival the lovely scene of rolling landscape which lies all about ; and one instinctively felt that here was a ready and powerful means of gratifying the imagination and refining the taste of many generations of the impressionable creatures who are to be educated here. As this institution is not to be merely secular, but is to be conducted under religious influences, it was duly fitting that it should be inaugurated by religious services. Accordingly there was a full morning service in St. George's Church, with a cele-

bration of the Holy Communion, at which the Lord Bishop was celebrant, the Rev. Professor Clark, of Trinity College, being the preacher. A number of Clergy from various quarters were present as interested participants in the proceedings. In spite of the unfavorable weather there was rather a goodly assemblage, and a liberal offertory was devoted to the library fund of the new college.

In the afternoon the Bishop and Clergy adjourned to Ellesmere Hall, where they found assembled in the spacious drawing-room the first teachers and alumni of the college, with the Reeve of the town and many townspeople. After prayers said by the Rev. I. Middleton, and some words of introduction and explanation.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto formally opened the college. He spoke of the importance of this particular department of education, reprobated the dangerous inconsistency of such church people as sent their daughters to convent schools, commended the kind discretion which called the second ladies' college of the diocese by the name of the second Bishop of Toronto, himself so long engaged in religious education, and hoped that the third institution might be called after himself.

Rev. Dr. Carry, rural dean of East York, then addressed the company. He spoke of the traditional interest of the English Church in education as one of her marked characteristics, alluded to the long line of women illustrious for learning who have adorned the English Church, and urged the pupils whom he addressed to emulate their fame, to the honor of God and the good of the world.

The Reeve of Oshawa expressed the hearty good wishes of the Council and the townspeople for the new college. He recognized the need of such institutions for the formation of christian character and consequent stability of the social state. He thought the female portion of the community had not had justice done them in this respect, and he had no doubt that a wealthy church such as the Church of England would not fail to support and bring to a successful issue the work so auspiciously begun.

Rev. Dr. Bethune, of Trinity College school, Port Hope, spoke encouraging words out of his own experience. Their beginning at Port Hope was small enough. They had neither land, buildings nor endowment. They had but 27 boys uncomfortably housed. But now they had a large amount of property and good buildings filled to their

utmost capacity. As he looked back he recognized the advantage of such a small beginning, and could see the possible disaster which a large number would at the outset have caused. He touchingly acknowledged the honor done to his late father in the naming of the college, as the surest perpetuation of his memory.

Rev. Professor Clarke cordially agreed with the Reeve's observations, with this single exception—he was thankful the Government had not taken this work in hand. We had enough of mechanical education at present ; we did not want any more minds turned out of a Government mill as so many buttons from the same die ; we wanted more individualism. This was a work which the Church could and should do, and which he was sure she would.

The formal proceedings were then brought to a close by the Bishop, who pronounced the benediction.